

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES WORK LIKE VETERANS

Protection For Fish Is Stripped By Bill

Measure Introduced in Senate Sometime Ago Would Repeal Section of Laws Safeguarding Food in Hawaiian Waters

Senator M. A. Mikaele introduced in the senate on February 26 a bill which is declared to strip virtually all protection from Hawaii's food fishes. It is Senate Bill No. 23 and it is now in the hands of the health committee.

Warned of the effects of this bill, those who advocate conserving Hawaiian fishes and crustaceans are bending their efforts toward legislation that will offer protection instead of taking it away. Several house bills are now pending to afford moderate measures of protection, and yesterday a house committee made a visit to fish ponds to gather data on the subject.

Senator Mikaele's bill is a straight-out repeal of Section 1 of Act 87 of the session laws of 1915. That act strengthened Section 628 of the revised laws. As the law now stands, it prohibits catching food fish with a

net or seine having a smaller mesh than two inches stretched or one inch square. Exceptions are made in the case of a large number and variety of fish for which the protection is regarded as either needless or as interfering with necessary commerce.

The legislature of 1915 strengthened the law by adding a clause prohibiting the use of wire fence, wire net or wire obstruction of any kind to catch fish. The provision is said to have been added with a number of wells which were used to catch many fish, some of which should have been protected.

Senator Mikaele's bill repeals all of Section 1, and is said to be in reality a removal of vital protection from the fish. One legislator this morning predicted that the senate would kill it.

It's No. 23—the 'skidoo' bill, and it will be skidoo for it, too.

MEASURE IN HOUSE SEEKS REPEAL OF INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW

Representatives Settle Down to Attack Huge Mass of Routine Business

As announced a few days before the opening of the legislature, Representative Lorrin Andrews today introduced in the house a bill which, if it becomes a law, will do away with the indeterminate sentence law now in vogue in the territory, and which has been criticized on the ground that it works an undue hardship on prisoners.

Andrews' bill seeks to repeal chapter 216, R. L. 1915, which embraces sections 2843 to 2847, inclusive, and which has to do with the indeterminate sentence and the parole of prisoners. By asking the repeal of that portion relating to paroles, it is understood Andrews at a future date will introduce a bill which will provide for a broader system. The bill today contains the following clause:

"Nothing contained in the act shall in any way affect any sentence heretofore imposed on anyone who has been convicted of a felony and sentenced under the indeterminate act, each sentence to be executed in all respects as though this act had not been passed."

Down To Routine Work

With the opening of the 10th day of the session the house this morning settled down for what appears to be a long period of routine work. Only four bills were introduced. Speaker Holstein announced that the expenses of the house to date have been as follows:

Expended \$1431.25 from the federal fund of \$18,000, and \$7560.70 from the territorial fund of \$30,000. One hundred and sixty-three bills have been introduced and two senate bills have been received. Bills have been distributed as follows: Finance committee, 33; judiciary, 28; health, police and military, 8; public lands, 6; judiciary, 27; education, 3; agriculture, 6; county, 22; special, 1; miscellaneous, 1. Eight bills have been tabled, and eight bills have gone to the senate. The governor has signed one house and one senate bill.

Gives Information Asked

Answering a request in a house resolution, the attorney-general today forwarded to the house a communication showing that the following sums have been paid out for outside legal help during the last two years: A. L. C. Atkinson, \$200; Antonio Perry, \$1800; C. H. Olson, \$3366; Harry Irwin, \$750.

In response to a resolution the adjutant general of the National Guard today forwarded a report of the expenditures made by the National Guard. This list contained the item "incidentals, \$2576," and Speaker Holstein asked whether a statement in this form was what was required by the resolution. Representative Miles arose to say that what the house wanted was a specific, itemized account of all moneys expended, including moneys for incidentals. Representative Cooke said he thought this incidental account should be itemized. The communication was referred to the finance committee.

Representative Gerrit P. Wilder's bill to provide for the organization of a territorial marketing division, the object being to take the present division from federal and territorial control and place it entirely under the territory, is now on second reading and has been referred to the committee on agriculture.

More Funds For Lepers

In a resolution introduced by Representative Paschoa provision is made whereby an allowance of \$18 a year, instead of \$10, as at present, be allowed each inmate of the Molokai Settlement as a clothing allowance. In defense of his measure, the representative asserted that, because of the increased cost of living, it had

been found impossible by the inmates to get along on the smaller amount. The resolution was referred to the health committee.

Representative Waiholo introduced a resolution instructing the superintendent of public works to remove none of the furniture from the throne room, or hall of representatives, after the legislature has adjourned. The resolution provides further that the furniture shall not be removed unless the room is wanted by the governor for a special purpose, after which the furniture shall be moved back.

Now Goes to Senate

House Bill 59, introduced by Representative Andrews, passed third reading today and will go to the senate. The bill provides for an attachment of an automobile that has caused injury to a person or property.

"At present there is no remedy for the person injured," said Andrews in defense of his measure. "This bill was carefully drawn by Circuit Judge Ashford and has been approved by many attorneys here. I believe the passage of this measure will be the means of reducing the absolutely malicious practice of speeding here which has caused the loss of many lives."

The following bills were introduced today:

House Bill 164
To compensate Francisco Dina, injured while working in a quarry near the insane asylum, in the sum of \$1500.—Kaweweh.

House Bill 165
A new section to chapter 173, R. L. 1915, relating to the sale by guardians of property not exceeding \$1000 in value.—Andrews.

House Bill 166
To repeal sections 3483 and 3487, inclusive, R. L. 1915, relating to the indeterminate sentence law and parole of prisoners.—Andrews.

House Bill 167
Allowing recovery for costs and attorney's fees by an employee securing judgment for wages against his employer.—Miles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES BY COUNTY OFFICERS FAILS IN COMMITTEE

Senator M. C. Pacheco's bill proposing that the granting of marriage licenses should be changed from the hands of the territorial treasurer to the county sheriffs, licenses to be issued by deputies, was reported on this afternoon by the judiciary committee with the recommendation that it be tabled.

Senator Pacheco appeared before the judiciary committee today to explain that the chief purpose of the bill is to increase the county realizations from this source.

Treasurer C. J. McCarthy also came to the meeting at the request of the committee. He expressed the feeling that such a change would be of little value, and that the financial realizations would not warrant it.

He mentioned the fact that the tax commission has recommended the increase of apportionment to counties, which will answer the question financially if it goes through.

Chairman Castle announced that, as Judge Whitney is now on Maui, discussing of Pacheco's other bill regarding marriage after divorce would be deferred until his return tomorrow.

It was recommended to amend the bill by Senator Desha which would place the power of filling vacancies on county boards of supervisors with the supervisors themselves rather than with the governor. The amendment would cause a decision to the position if the vacancy occurred early in a term, otherwise the position would be filled by the board's appointment.

THOMAS MAKING SLOW TIME, RADIO REPORTS

That the U. S. army transport Thomas will not arrive here until Thursday morning, is the report given out today at the customs-master's office. At 8 o'clock Saturday night the Thomas was 1059 miles from Honolulu, and as she is only making approximately 250 miles a day, she cannot arrive until late Wednesday or Thursday morning. If she arrives after 6 o'clock Wednesday she will not be allowed to enter port until the next morning.

LEGISLATORS ON ABATEMENT BILL NONCOMMITTAL

House Members Want to See Proposed Law: Public Hearing Undecided

Apparently not a large percentage of legislators were present last night at the opera house to hear the discussion on the abatement bill.

Senator George P. Cooke, chairman of the health committee in the upper house, which is considering the bill now there, was one of those who heard the speeches with interest.

Cooke said today that he considered it a highly important meeting and one which did much toward unifying the forces attempting to drive out commercialized vice.

He has not yet decided whether he will call a public hearing on the question as chairman of the health committee.

Representatives Non-Committal
With one or two exceptions, members of the house are not committing themselves on the senate bill providing for abatement by injunction. A majority of the representatives have not read the bill and have not been informed of its contents, and give this reason for not expressing their opinions one way or the other.

A report was current today that the Democratic representatives may make a strong fight against the bill when it comes to the house. Representative William E. Miles said today that, so far as he has been informed regarding the provisions of the bill, he will oppose it. He has not read the bill yet, he says.

One Member Speaks Out

"I am against it," says Miles. "I think some provision should be made for a regulated restricted district in Honolulu, because of the large number of soldiers here."

Asked if the other Bourbon house members would take the same stand, Miles said he did not know.

Cooke Openly Favors

Representative Clarence H. Cooke says that, while he has not read the bill, he undoubtedly would favor it. Speaker H. L. Holstein, also ignorant as to the measure's provisions, believes he would support it. Representatives Petrie and Wilder decline to commit themselves. Representative Andrews also will make no statement.

Nearly all of the other house members prefer to wait until they have read the bill before expressing their opinions.

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII IS ASKED IN RESOLUTION

Statehood for the territory of Hawaii in a concurrent resolution was presented this afternoon by Senator M. C. Pacheco.

"Hawaii, the state," declares the resolution, is as certainly the natural and ultimate destiny of this territory as was the annexation by and admission as an integral part of the United States of America. The resolution, which was referred to the printing committee, follows:

"Whereas, the people of Hawaii, previous to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands by the United States of America in the year 1898, had established and maintained for more than five decades an independent national government, recognized by all the governments of the world; and thereby demonstrated their capacity for self-government as a sovereign state; and

"Whereas, immediately following the annexation of Hawaii by the United States, Congress passed an Organic Law giving Hawaii the status of a territory, which form of government has been the traditional stepping stone to statehood; and

"Whereas, under this form of government the citizens of the Territory of Hawaii have conducted their government and domestic affairs in a progressive, able and patriotic manner, proving abundantly their ability for the development of the highest standards and ideals of American citizenship among all classes of its cosmopolitan population; and

"Whereas, Hawaii, the state, is as certainly the natural and ultimate destiny of this territory, as was the annexation by and admission as an integral part of the United States of America; and

"Whereas, the splendid record of our people, the evidences of their enterprise, the proofs of their intelligence, patriotism and ambition is such as to command for them a respect and confidence equaling that accorded the citizens of any state in the Union."

Therefore, be it resolved, by the senate of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, the house of representatives concurring, that the Congress of the United States of America is hereby respectfully requested and petitioned to pass an enabling act authorizing the citizens of the Territory of Hawaii to, and naming the date when they shall, elect delegates to a constitutional convention for the purpose of framing a constitution for the government of the State of Hawaii, the same to be in full force and effect when approved by Congress and the President in the manner and form usual to the admission of States, and to be it further resolved, that a copy

INQUIRES ABOUT CONTINGENT FUND

There is a resolution now before the house that hints of an investigation. It was introduced Saturday and calls upon the governor to furnish the solons with an itemized account of every dollar that has been expended from his \$50,000 contingent fund. Representative Kawaha was sponsor for it.

Speaker H. L. Holstein, while not the introducer of the measure, is one of its principal supporters, and already has expressed the desire to find out "where the money has gone."

"The purpose of the resolution," the speaker says, "is to find out if this money has been judiciously expended. Personally, I do not believe in giving one official a lump sum to spend as he sees fit. Sometimes discretion gives way to favoritism and becomes a dangerous procedure."

The governor has 10 days in which to file the statement in the house.

PARTY POLICY ON CHARTER SOUGHT

Oahu Republicans in the legislature expect to hold a caucus at 7:30 o'clock this evening to take up for further discussion the proposed new city charter for Honolulu, now before the solons in the form of house bill 13.

The Oahu delegation in the house, to which the bill has been referred, intends to secure a definite outline of the Republican party's policy as regards the charter, and the amendments proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, before beginning its own deliberations on the measure.

It may be necessary to hold several caucuses before this policy is fully outlined, says Representative Wilder of the Oahu delegation of the house. With the policy fully outlined, he adds, the house delegation will hold a series of meetings which will lead to a final report on the measure.

LEGISLATORS TO PAY RESPECTS TO QUEEN VERY SOON

Probably during the coming week the members of the legislature will adjourn for an hour to visit Washington place and pay their respects to Queen Liliuokalani, a pleasing feature of the 60-day session that has been a custom for years.

Speaker H. L. Holstein of the house has conferred with Col. Curtis P. Iaukea and arrangements have been made for a visit by the solons as soon as the queen has recovered from a present slight indisposition.

The queen always has been keenly interested in the work of the legislature from day to day and every two years she welcomes the solons to her home. The Hawaiian band usually accompanies the legislators.

APPORTIONMENT COMES TO FORE

That old bugaboo the apportionment question has come again into its own. Senator M. C. Pacheco has prepared a bill for introduction in the upper house bringing apportionment to the fore.

Pacheco's measure would make the apportionment along the population as shown by the 1910 census. The number of senators would remain unchanged but lower house changes would be numerous.

In the first representative district only would the number of legislators remain as now. The second would have three instead of four; third, five instead of six; fourth, eight instead of six; fifth, eight instead of six; sixth, two instead of four.

Honolulu would thus gain by four representatives over its present number.

SENATE NOTES

Senator Mikaele's bill, providing that persons practicing law in district courts may practice in circuit courts on appealed cases, was tabled.

A conference committee, consisting of Senators Shingle, Castle and Hind, was named to meet with the house on the matter of the proposed congressional visit.

Providing for a grand total of \$2,479,852, the appropriation bill proposed by the governor was introduced this afternoon in the upper house by Senator R. W. Shingle. This amount is intended to cover the biennial period ending June 30, 1919.

Of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Delegate of the Territory of Hawaii at Washington.

HOT FIGHT UPON PROHIBITION IS EXPECTED TODAY

Conflict of Authority and Alleged Discrepancies to Be Charged By Opponents

Hot fighting on Senate Bill 23, which relates to the liquor problem in Hawaii, was predicted for today's session which began at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

With this bill the chief order of the day it was presumed that arguments pro and con would characterize its return before the senate.

Senator R. H. Makekau, who made so hard a fight against the bill when it came for second reading last week, was looked to today as an opponent.

Committee May Be Called

Questions which have arisen over the legality and constitutionality of the measure as drawn made it likely that the judiciary committee would be asked to have a look at it.

Senator W. T. Robinson expressed the belief in conversation today that the measure as drawn is contradictory. He has an amendment which would make the minimum fine of breaking it \$250.

He also doubts if the Webb-Kenyon law in its reference to "territories" can be held to mean the territory of Hawaii, where, he says, old treaty rights with other countries must be taken into consideration.

PROBE OF PIERS TO BE THOROUGH

Representative Kelekolio's resolution calling for an investigation of the trouble that arose out of the construction of Piers 8, 9 and 10 is to be given the fullest consideration by the house committee on public lands and internal improvements.

Sometime this week the committee will take up the measure for initial perusal and may hold several meetings to discuss this one item.

Representative Lyman, chairman of the committee, says he intends to get at the bottom of the whole affair and obtain all data and information available. To this end, he adds, engineers, members of the harbor board and C. R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, probably will be called before the committee.

HOUSE NOTES

This is the tenth day of the session.

A bouquet of chrysanthemums graced the speaker's desk today.

Representative Miles has a bill which provides that, where an employee recovers against his employer for wages due, he shall receive a sum sufficient to compensate him for the employment of an attorney. Attorney's fee shall not exceed \$10 in the district and \$25 in circuit court.

A public hearing on House Bill 91, providing for licenses for chiropractors, will be held in the hall of representatives next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Representative Kelekolio has gone to Hilo on business.

The members of the health, police and military committee are meeting this afternoon. The judiciary committee meets at 9:30 and the finance committee at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The agriculture committee also is meeting this afternoon.

Eighty-five voters of Kohala, Hawaii, have protested to the house against the passage of the territorial highways act as approved by the last Civic Convention.

House Bill 73, to prohibit the stopping of public work on Saturdays, has passed second reading in the house and will be taken up tomorrow for third reading.

The bill providing that competent women shall accompany girls who are committed to the industrial schools passed third reading in the house today.

House Bill 60, making the fraudulent conveyance of chattels a misdemeanor, passed third reading in the house today. "This will strike at persons who 'borrow' automobiles and then bring them back after taking a joy ride," says Representative Andrews. "It has been found impossible to convict these persons of larceny."

The penalty for kidnapping is materially increased in House Bill 61, which passed third reading in the house today. It provides a maximum penalty of a fine of \$1,000 and not more than five years in prison, as against two years under the present law. Several cases of kidnapping by Filipinos have been before the courts during the last year.

House Bills 62, 63 and 64, all relating to actions on judgments and executions, passed third reading in the house today.

The house bill outlining a new schedule of fees for the examination of fiduciary companies, passed third reading in the house today as amended by the finance committee.

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(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, Japan, Mar. 5.—China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, and as a result the foreign powers will recognize the increase in duty which China has imposed on incoming goods. This was the information given out in the despatches from Peking today.

The French minister at Peking, representing the ministers of the allied countries, called upon the members of the Chinese parliament and after a conference China decided to join the Allies, and prepared for the severing of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Some time ago the Chinese government decided to increase its revenue by raising the duty on foreign goods imported. It was first reported that Japan and other powers entered a protest against this, but the powers, after the decision of China to sever relations with Germany, decided to support the increased duty schedule as outlined by the Chinese government.

Premier Tuan Cui Jui called the cabinet ministers into conference and decided to accept the offer of the allied nations. China will immediately send an official notification to Germany announcing the severing of relations. Minister Hsueh, the German representative in Peking, is now preparing to leave China. There are 14 refugee ships in Chinese harbors, and Japanese squadrons are watching to prevent their escape to Java or one of the Dutch colonies.

The Interstate Commerce Commission suspended until August 21, the proposed increase on freight rate on grain from the West to Newport News and Norfolk, Va., for export.

DULUTH, Minn. — Even Duluth children are not immune to the strike germ. Classes in the Washington Jr. high school are on strike for shorter hours, more time on the playground and the privilege of studying at home. Miss Anna Meinert, principal, is "without a heart," according to banners carried by the pupils parading the streets. Pickets who attempted to watch the school were put to flight by the janitor, armed with rubber hose.

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